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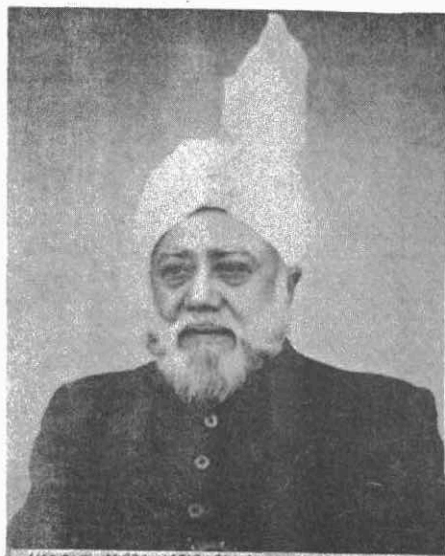
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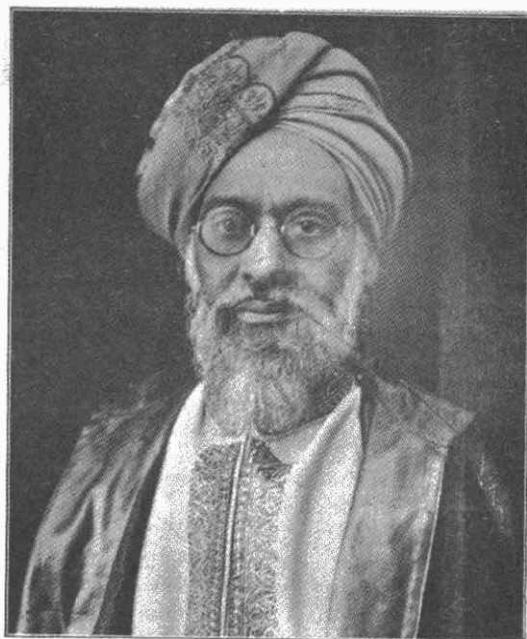
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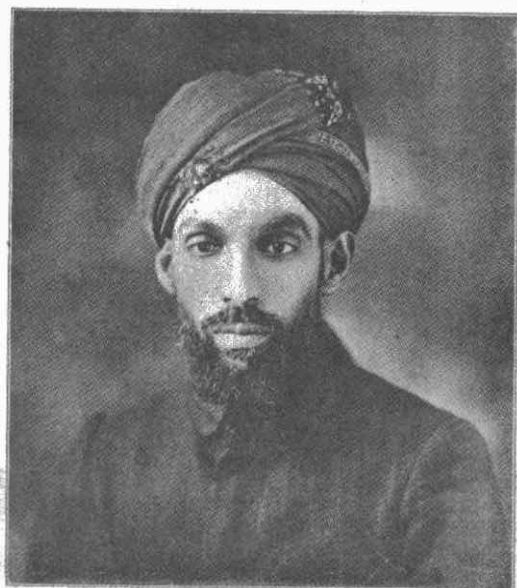
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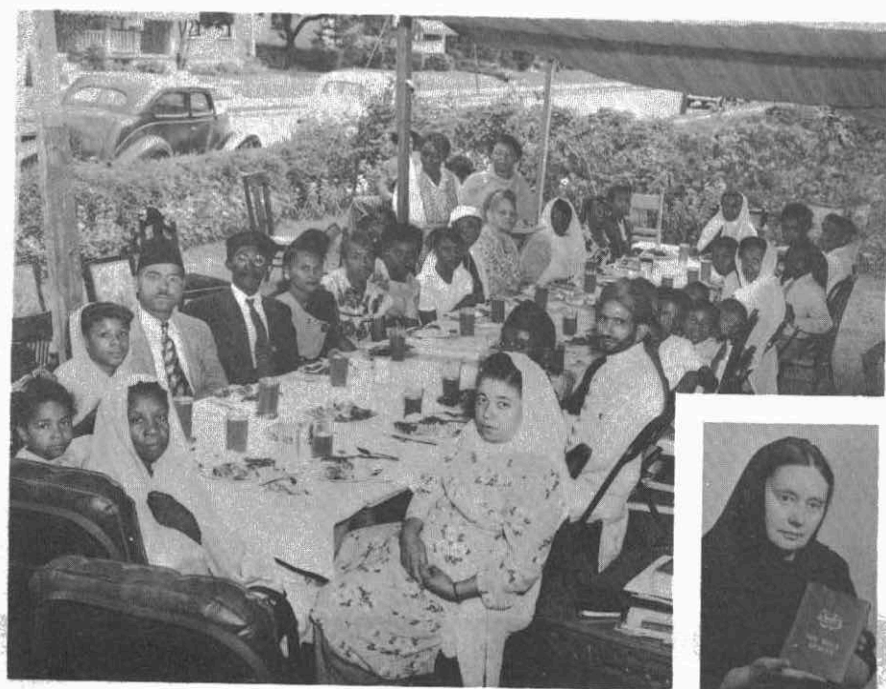
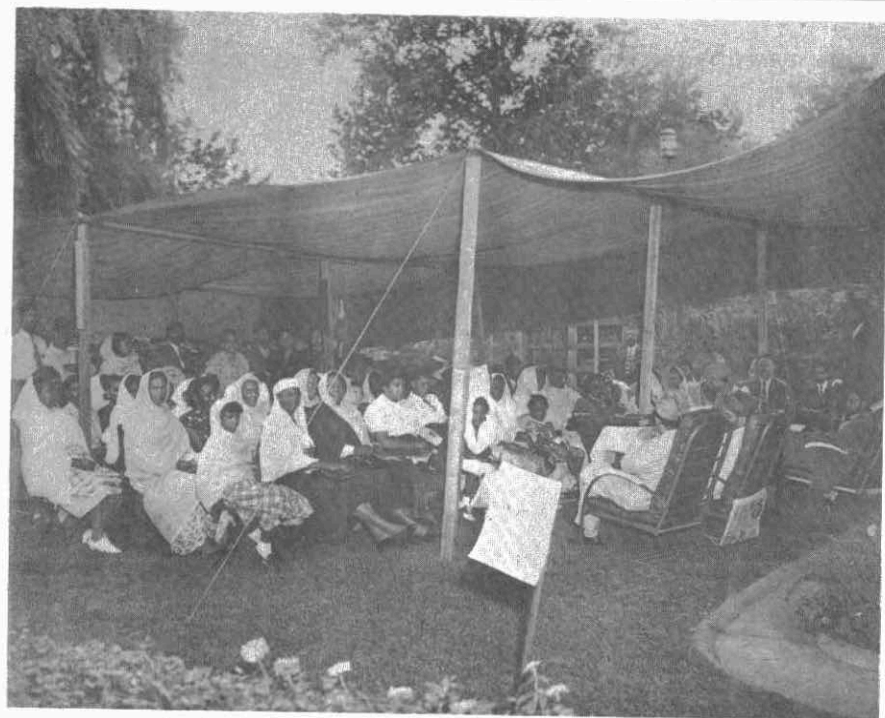
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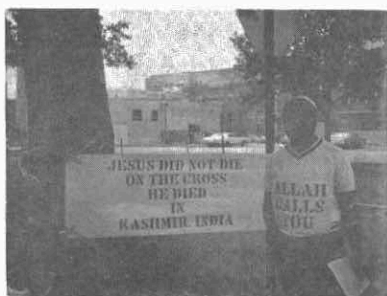
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A PASSAGE FROM THE HOLY QURAN

Certainly there was for you a Sign in the two armies that encountered each other, one army fighting in the Cause of Allah and the other disbelieving, whom they saw twice as many as themselves, actually with their eyes. Thus Allah strengthens with His aid whomsoever He pleases. In that surely is a lesson for those who have eyes. (3. 14)

COMMENTARY. This verse refers to the Battle of Badr in which 313 ill-equipped and ill-armed Muslims inflicted a crushing defeat on a well-equipped and well-armed Meccan force, 1000 strong. This fulfilled two prophecies - one contained in an earlier revelation of the Quran and the other in the Bible. The Quranic revelation said: Do they say, "We are a victorious host?" Nay, the hosts will be routed and will show their backs... The day when they will be dragged into the Fire on their faces (and it will be said to them), "taste ye the touch of burning" (54:45-49) And the Biblical prophecy said: "In the forest of Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn swords, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me. Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail; and the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it." (Isa. 21:13-17)

In accordance with this prophecy, about a year after the flight of the Holy Prophet from Mecca, the power of Kedar (the progenitor of the Meccan tribes) was broken at Badr and their glory departed. The Quranic prophecy was also literally fulfilled; for, after the Meccan host was routed at Badr the ring-leaders of the Quraish who fell in the battle, were actually dragged along the ground and cast into a well for burial. It was on this occasion that, addressing

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SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET

1. Son of Omar reported God's messenger as saying, Islam is based on five things; bearing witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger, observing the prayers, paying zakat, the pilgrimage and fasting during Ramadhan.
2. Abu Hurairah reported God's messenger as saying, the faith has over sixty branches and modesty is a branch of faith.
3. Abdullah son of Omar reported God's messenger as saying, the Muslim is he from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe and the migrant is he who forsakes what Allah has prohibited.
4. Abdullah son of Omar reported that a man asked the messenger of Allah which of the Islam is the best? He said you feed the food and say salam to any one whether you know him or not.
5. Anas reported God's messenger as saying, none of you believes till he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.
6. Son of Abbas reported God's messenger as saying, I was shown the Fire and I found the majority of it was that of women as they are ungrateful. On being asked whether they are ungrateful to Allah, he replied that they are ungrateful to their husbands and to the favors. If you favored one of them throughout, then she saw any thing from you (wrong) she would say she never saw any good from you.
7. Abu Bakrah reported God's messenger as saying, when two Muslims meet (fight) with their swords, the murderer and the murdered one both are in the Fire. On this he asked, this murderer, O messenger of Allah (is all right) but why the murdered one? He said he was surely greedy to kill his companion.
8. Abu Hurairah reported God's messenger as saying, "By Him in whose hand is my life none of you believes till I become dearer to him than his father and his children."
9. Anas reported God's messenger as saying, 'He who has 3 things has the sweetness of faith; he to whom Allah and his messenger are dearer than all else; he who loves a man only for the sake of God, and he who dislikes to return to the disbelief as he dislikes to be cast into the Fire.'

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Moreover a mere formal recognition of the Unity of God is of no avail if the heart bows down in submission before a thousand different idols. The person who assigns the glory and greatness which is due solely to God, to the means, plans and stratagems which he employs for the realization of an object, or trusts in aught but God, or gives a share of the majesty and power of God to his own self or to any other creature, is also an idol worshipper though he may outwardly confess the Unity of God. Idols are not only images made of stone, brass, gold, silver or any other substance, but every object of the reverence and passionate devotion which is due to God, is an idol in the sight of God. The Jewish sacred books however did not teach this noble significance of the doctrine of Unity and the Quran was, therefore, needed for its revelation to the world. The doctrine of the absolute Unity of God precluding faith or trust in everything else besides God was not known to world until the Holy Quran revealed it. The adoration and reverence of senseless images is an act to which none but the most ignorant and superstitious would resort, but the most dangerous form of idolatry is that which cannot be easily discovered and which effects & vitiates the whole system like an imperceptible but obstinate disease. This lamentable disease prevailed among the Jews and the Bible did not prove an effectual remedy for it, for the Bible did not teach the truth underlying the Unity of God. The general prevalence of this disease moreover required a perfect living exemplar whose life being governed by this practical principle of the absolute Unity of God should have been a guidance and a direction to mankind and a powerful remedy for destroying the disease.

What is the true doctrine of the Unity of God which the Holy Quran requires us to believe in and which is the only way to salvation? It is to believe in God as one and alone in His person, and above every rival or partner whether it is an idol, or human being or a heavenly body or one's own self or one's resources, plans or means, not to regard any one as powerful against him, not to consider any one as the sustainer, the exalter the abaser, the helper or the supporter as against the

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A CHALLENGE TO CHURCHES

"Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in his Friday Sermon delivered on June 29, 1969, at Rabwah, called upon leaders of different faiths to produce from their scriptures something comparable in spiritual wisdom, light and insight to the treasures embedded in the very opening chapter (Fatiha) of the Holy Quran"

As I have time and again pointed out, the Holy Quran is our life and our soul. If we do not keep this soul alive in ourselves and in our environments, we shall be as good as carcasses like others and shall not be regarded in the sight of God living persons nor a living community.....

The commentary and the meaning of the Quran and insights into its spirit are divisible in two parts. One relates to the inner piety and purity of man in the sight of God and until one reaches that stage God the Supreme would not deign to become his teacher and coach. He is holy and establishes affinity only with the pious. Therefore one should have constant recourse to prayers in this behalf, for no one can get close to Him in His favor but by His grace.

A great means and a connecting door to the understanding and deep reflection over the Holy Quran is provided in the shape of Surah Fatiha, the opening chapter of the Holy Quran, the Mother Book. It should be studied and its meanings should be deeply pondered. The Promised Messiah (peace and blessings of God be on him) has very clearly stated that the Surah Fatiha represents the synopsis of the entire content of the Holy Quran and that this Surah is the Mother of the Holy Book, as the meanings of the Holy Quran emanate from it. If one could acquire an adequate grasp of the Surah Fatiha to the best of his ability and understanding, he would find it very easy to comprehend the sense, the content and the meaning of the Holy Quran. The Promised Messiah (peace & blessings of God be on him) has in his various books and speeches that were published in the Badr and Al-Hakam has given many interpretations of the Surah Fatiha. He gave a challenge to the world to a comparative study of the meanings, insights, heavenly secrets and spiritual intelligence embedded in the opening seven verses of the short Surah with all the heavenly books they have, warning them that they would reach the conclusion that their scriptures could not stand up even to Surah Fatiha, leave alone the Holy Quran, the great Scripture.

I have repeated this challenge a couple of times. I reiterated this challenge in the words of the Promised Messiah (peace and blessings of God be on him) to the Christian delegation that visited with me in Denmark, at the end of my interview with all the conditions detailed by the Promised Messiah in this behalf, warning them that it would be obvious to them that their scriptures do not answer the needs of the hour and that only the Holy Quran meets the challenge and that all their scriptures were deficient in the wisdom, intelligence and spiritual insight that the Surah Fatiha alone offered. They have made a reference to this challenge in their report that has been published recently.

In brief, a challenge has been thrown to the world. When I say the "world" it does not mean that it is open to every tagrag and bobtail to pick up the guntlet. This challenge is addressed to the leaders of different religions and heads of their various sects. There is, for instance, the Pope heads the Roman Catholics. If he entered the lists we shall welcome the contest. It is similarly open to the heads of other Christian sects and to the heads of Hindu sects. Religion is not a plaything or a show that anybody who has neither knowledge nor qualification nor prestige nor position could jump into the arena. Shows of this type cannot be of any intellectual value. If, however, the leaders of different sects are prepared to accept the invitation alone or together with their followers, even as many as ten thousand of them, we are prepared for the contest.

On this account, it was necessary to publish a collection of the commentaries of the Surah Fatiha, expounded by the Promised Messiah (blessings and peace be on him), for, if any of these sects accepted the challenge, the first question that it will take up is, what are the insights and wisdoms that the Surah Fatiha embodies?

One volume comprising the commentaries expounded by the Promised Messiah (Blessings and peace be on him) on the Surah Fatiha has been published. Others would, God willing, follow soon. The Khalifatul Masih II

the Promised Reformer, also published voluminous commentaries on this Surah, in his great work, the Tafsiri Kabir and in his other publications and lectures. I have ordered their compilation in a collection. Then there shall be whatever Allah is pleased to impart besides this through His grace, in respect of the new questions and aspects, that might come up.

I feel every Ahmadi should go through this work carefully, keeping in mind the fact that it represents in epitome the whole of the Holy Quran. If the insight, intelligence and understanding of man and his love for the Quran encompasses what is encased in the Surah Fatiha, the sense of a large measure of the content of the Holy Quran will become easily comprehensible to him; except for the parts that are deeply shrouded in its inner sanctuary, access to which lies through inner purity and inner piety. One should pray for the gift so that one may be, by His grace, initiated into it.

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OUR BELIEFS AND MOTIVES
BY MAQBOOL AHMAD QURESHI
FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

La ilaha illallah

Muhammadur Rasoolullah

There is no God but Allah

Muhammad is sent by Allah

We say daily prayers five

We keep fasts and nights alive

We pay Zakat every year

Pilgrimage to Mecca dear

SIX ARTICLES OF FAITH

God is one, His angels right,

Books and prophets show His might

Day of judgment is no doubt

Every thing is measured out

OUR MOTIVES

God, the Protector is one

We make partner with Him none

He is infinite in Wisdom

Everywhere is His kingdom

Holy Prophet is still living
 Promised son's era beginning
 He leads us to Heaven from Hell
 He warns us of time of death-knell
 Peace is motive and our aim
 Winning hearts is our claim
 We serve people with good deed
 We help them at time of need
 We free people from the seed
 of mischief that rose indeed
 We do sacrifice our health
 We don't mind a bit of wealth
 We give people satisfaction
 Spiritual food of righteous action
 We help people find their God
 Who is odd and loves the odd
 Eliminating doubt and fear
 We bring hope and good so near
 We are Muslims by His Grace
 Law of Quran we embrace
 We will convey His message
 Wise will accept and the sage
 We'll be models of piety
 We will serve the Almighty
 Darkness disappears through us
 Light of truth appears through us
 Light of Islam will be kindled
 With the glory of God mingled
 Our sun will rise again
 Flag of Islam will then reign
 Songs of its praise will be sung
 Bells of its name will be rung
 We will use our every leisure
 For the sake of Godly pleasure
 Guiding those who went astray
 Through the spiritual pathless way
 We will explore every way
 In His cause, so come what may
 We are sure of success
 Words of God shall have access
 Maqbool 'tis era of showers
 Gardens will be full of flowers

A MIGHTY SIGN AND PROOF OF THE TRUTH OF ISLAM MAN LANDS ON THE MOON

"For every American this has to be the proudest day of our lives-and for people all over the world.I am sure they too join with Americans in recognizing what an immense feat this is,"

"Because of what you have done the heavens have become a part of man's world," said President Nixon in his historic telephone call to moon.

No doubt all the world joined with Americans in recognizing this grand achievement.Millions of Americans and the peoples of the world were watching,for the firsttime the televised walk on the moon,hearing the voices coming from there,instantaneously-an event absent at the discoveries and feats of the past.But this feat gains more importance when we come to know that this fact was foretold in the Holy Quran,1400 years ago.Who could inform the Founder of Islam,the Holy Prophet Muhammad,peace be on him,at that time of Ignorance,that such thing would be,in future,possible?None else except Allah,the All- Knowing, the Omniscient.It was He who informed him thus:

"And by the moon when it becomes full (with load),

That ye shall journey on from plane to plane."(84:19 and 20).

Arabic word 'ittasaqa' is from wasaqa which literally means:to store,to heap up(things),to contain a.th., load (a camel)Thus 'ittasaqa' would mean to be loaded heavily. As we know the Astronauts landed there with their lunar module,the Eagle.Thus the moon was loaded by it along with human beings.Arabic word'wasq' also means landing of a ship.(See dictionary,Alfaraid al-Durriyya)Thus there was prophecy of landing of ship-like thing.And then God has said,at that time of landing you will journey from plane to plane.The scientists are now planning to have "other places of abode outside of his home planet-the earth",as was said so by Dr.Thomas O.Paine,the administrator of US space agency.similarly they are planning to conquer the other planets as well.As Astronaut Neil A.Armstrong,the first man who landed on the moon,said,while putting his first step,"That's one small step for man,a giant leap for mankind", a new era has started.As a result of this success man is thinking of new horizons and new worlds.

Accordingly Dr. Paine, giving his personal opinion said "As we look at the things that we have on the drawing boards, as we look at the dreams of the engineers for the future, it seems very clear to me that there are two basic factors that have to be answered:

First is, whether or not we can attain the kind of costs and the kind of reliability in space flight that we now have in air travel. The Second question is, if we can indeed travel in a practical way to moon and eventually beyond, will they wish to found small first research stations and perhaps eventually permanent colonies? And it seems to that the history of mankind is that they certainly will."

Again we find in the same chapter (84:2-5):

"When the heaven is split (or crossed), and gives ear to her Lord-and this^{is} incumbent upon her-And when the EARTH IS SPREAD OUT, and casts out all that is in her and becomes empty."

The word 'inshaqqa' is intransitive from 'shaqqa' which means to cross the sky, to split (See Al-Faraid al-durriyya). Thus the Holy Quran mentioned crossing of the sky 1400 years ago. It also pointed out that at that occasion the Earth would be spread out, and its boundries would not remain the same. President Nixon rightly said, 'The heavens have become a part of man's world'. Casting out all means that the branches of knowledge will be discovered so much that this earth will be empty of its treasures.

Moreover God says at another place:

"O company of Jinn and men! if you have power to go beyond the confines of the heavens and the earth, then do go. But you cannot go save with authority." (55:34)

The two groups addressed here are-the group of the wealthy people (United States of America with its allies and the group of Commoners and Laborers (Russia with its satellites). It is foretold here that both would try to penetrate the regions of the heavens & earth. They have been told that they could do that, but only with the authority of God. His authority would force them to utilize the law of nature, created by Him. From the beginning of this space travel to the last moment of recovery they were using those instru-

ments and means that could keep them alive. The very idea and thought of such efforts and intentions as to penetrate the regions of heavens and earth was impossible at that time. It was only the All-knowing God Who revealed to the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, such unimaginable happenings. Just after this verse both groups have been warned in these words:

"There shall be sent against you a flame of fire, and smoke; and you shall not be able to help yourselves."

(55:36) Thus here Allah has pointed out that the most destructive punishment might overtake them if they do not desist from defying Divine commandments. So it is high time for the world to pay attention to their God.

Then at another place Allah says:

"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens & the earth, and of whatever living creatures He has spread forth in both. And He has the power to GATHER THEM together when He pleases." (42:30)

Here Allah has revealed as far back as 1400 year ago that living creatures live in heavens as well, and that whenever He willed living creatures of the earth would become united, at some future time, with those living in heavenly bodies.

Again Allah says, "And (He has created) horses & mules and asses that you may ride them, and as a source of beauty. And He will create what you do not (yet) know." (16:9)

Here Allah has mentioned the means of conveyance & foretold other new means that would be created by Him, which were unknown to those people of the past. In this era we have seen different discoveries in the form of railway trains, ships, cars, aeroplanes and now space ships and lunar module. Allah knows the best what other means of conveyance are yet to be invented.

Furthermore in (81:12) after mentioning the important events of this age Allah says, "And when the heaven is laid bare." The Arabic word 'kashata' means to remove, to take off or strip off from the thing what had covered it (Lane & Aqrab). It means thus that the secrets of the heavens will be uncovered and made known to the men because of scientific advancements. Apart from landing on the moon, both America and Russia are trying to know the

secrets of the heavenly bodies by sending satellites to them. Quite recently Mariner 6 & 7 have uncovered many secrets of Mars which were unknown thus far. In like manner America would try to know more of moon by sending astronauts more and more.

Besides, there are many verses in the Holy Quran that point out the living beings in heavens & earth. I quote here only one: "And to Allah submits whosoever is in heavens and the earth willingly or unwillingly and (likewise) do their shadows, in the mornings and the evenings." (13: 16)

In addition, Allah mapping out the present age & its events states:

"and none knows the hosts of thy Lord but He. And this is nothing but a Reminder for man. Nay, by the moon; and by the night when it retreats; and by the dawn when it shines forth; Verily it is ONE OF THE GREATEST (events); A warning to man; To him among you who wishes to advance (in virtue) or hang back." (74: 32-38)

In these verses Allah has referred to the fact that the world will try to know the hosts of heavens and earth. But none will be able to do that. They will be able to know only a little of those hosts. Then God, bearing witness of the moon, says that at the time when man will land on the moon the night and darkness about the heavenly bodies will start to retreat and bright dawn and knowledge about them will begin to shine. Then referring to its importance God says "Verily, it is one of the greatest (events). President Nixon reminded me of this verse when he took the incident of the landing on the moon as the greatest event and Dr. Billy Graham had to refute it. Then God issued warning to the mankind and reminded them of their responsibility at that time. Either they will utilize these forces properly and thus will advance or improperly and thus annihilate themselves. Similarly mankind has been warned here that when the spiritual moon (the Promised Messiah) will appear by borrowing the spiritual light from the Holy Prophet Muhammad (the sun) the night of spiritual darkness will start to retreat and the spiritual dawn will start

to shine. At that time mankind will have to either advance in virtue by following the Promised Messiah and win His pleasure or to prefer worldly gains and incur His wrath.

Again Allah says in the 2nd verse of the first chapter "All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds."

The word 'rabba' means to sustain, develop and bring to perfection by degrees, and 'aalam' means every thing and being by means of which one is able to know the Creator. Literally many meanings can be derived here. But being relevant we will say that (1) God, being the Creator and Sustainer knows the best all the qualities, attributes & nature of His creatures. That is why man's gains are nothing but the smallest insignificant fraction of this vast ocean. (2) The worlds and worldly things cannot grow and develop themselves and as such Divine endowment is necessary. Thus these discoveries and gains prove His existence. (3) His Lordship (ruboobiyyat) requires of everything to be in the process of development. As a result there is a chance for man to progress limitlessly. (4) The meaning of "aalam" also reveals that the more man achieves gains the more His Lordship will be evident and manifest.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude to God when we find that the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, who received these revelations, was shown the shape and form of the rockets and spaceships and their color on their return to earth. He says, "(Gog and Magog) after scanning and examining thoroughly everything on the earth will say, 'let us know comprehensively what is in the Heavens. So they will throw their arrows towards the heavens. And Allah will return them to them red like blood.'" (Tirmidhi, chapter Fitān) ('qatala' means to kill as well as to know comprehensively, as they say 'qatalash shaia khubran', i.e. to encompass it in knowledge. (Aqrabul mawarid) That is why we have translated this word in this Hadith as such.)

Thus the Holy Prophet saw the arrows going up and returning red like blood. Present rockets and space ships do resemble the arrows and it is a well-known fact that because of velocity spaceships become red like blood and fire.

In our age when the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was told that the English people were planning to converse with the people of Mars, he replied that the same was foretold that they would throw arrows towards the heaven.

Further he said, 'God has granted them power to do everything. Wait and see how it ends.' (Badr, November 7, 1907, Malfuzat Vol. 9, pp. 482)

On May 12, 1908, in response to an English astrologer he said, "We do not believe that there is no system except that of heaven and earth. Rather our God proclaims to be the Lord of all the worlds, i.e. He is Lord of all the populations. Wherever is the population He has sent His Messengers. From lack of knowledge lack of thing is not proved necessarily. God who made so vast a provision for His this small earth, how was it possible that He did nothing for the remaining populations. He is Lord of all equally and acquainted with their needs and requirements." (Al-Hakam June 2, 1908, Malfuzat Vol. 10, pp. 356)

In short there is a food for thought for a seeker after truth as to how an unlettered being could prophesy such extra-ordinary facts 1400 years ago, unless they were revealed by God, the All-knowing, and how they could be fulfilled in such an excellent manner. Even now if one does not believe in the truth of Islam one is not honest to oneself. Furthermore it became evident that the scientific realities are in total conformity with the Words of God. And lastly as God has said, "Say, If the ocean became ink for the words of my Lord, surely, the ocean would be exhausted before the words of my Lord came to an end, even though We brought the like thereof as further help." (18: 110)

So these discoveries are nothing but like that water which a needle gets out of vast and limitless ocean. "So blessed be Allah, the Best of creators."

PSALMS OF AHMAD

How to Thee Can I render due thanks? Everything mine is Thine! In Thy munificence, in many ways, Thou hast made my home brimful of goods and values!

As Thy light came, Darkness flew! O Lord, Make this day, for us, into a day of blessings! Holy art Thou, indeed; Thou seest me always - In Thy grace & compassion Thou watcheth over me, graciously Mindful of all my needs! (page 34)

HISTORY OF ISLAM

TRUST IN GOD AND SINCERITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET

Failing to stem the increasing progress of Muhammad's cause, the Meccans planned to exterminate Islam by assassinating the Prophet. The members of all the different tribes combined in this undertaking so that the guilt of the crime might be evenly distributed. At the command of God, Muhammad fled with Abu Bakr from the city and took refuge in the cave of Thaur. The Meccans set a price upon the Prophet's head. When the trailing party came up to the cave which housed the fugitives, his trembling companion, Abu Bakr, said: "O Prophet of Allah, should they cast a glance into the cave they will see us, we are only two." Muhammad who was calm and fearless replied: "O Abu Bakr, we are two, God is the Third." (Bukhari, Chapter on Hijrah)

In the battle of Hunain when the Prophet was left with only a few followers in the midst of a host of enemies who were thirsting for his blood, his companions besought him to turn back to save his life. The Prophet fearlessly urged his horse forward saying:

"I am the Prophet, doubtless and true

"I am the grandson of Abdul Muttalib."

These are two of the many instances which vividly illustrate Muhammad's unshaken trust in God. He had a firm conviction in the depth of his heart that God would protect him by a special providence. Many and critical were the occasions when the Prophet's life was in danger without any earthly means of safety. But never did the Prophet display the symptoms of fear, doubt and suspicion. He was as certain of the protection of God as a child feels while in the lap of its mother.

His unexampled trust in God, his implicit hope in the ultimate triumph of his Cause, and the spirit of calm resignation with which he braved all adversities from the day of his ministerial call up to the end of his life were but eloquent commentary on his adamant sincerity and his staunch faith in his Divine Mission. Stanley Lane-Poole says: "No man was ever more thoroughly filled with the sense of his mission or carried out that mission more heroically." (Studies in a Mosque by Stanley Lane-Poole)

(From the Life of Muhammad, by Sufi Mutiur Rahman Bengalée, M. A.)

ARABIC WORDS

Nabee :Prophet (Anbiya: Prophets), (Rasool: Messenger) (Rosul: Messengers) Momin: Believer (Mominoon: Believers) (Muslim: Submissive, a believer in Islam, its plural is Muslimoon.) (Imam: Leader or Leader of Prayers Its plural is "a imma".) Ameer: Chief or Head; Ameerul Momineen: Head of the believers, Plural: Omara) (Khalifah: Caliph, Successor; Khalifatul Masih: Successor to the Promised Messiah) (Masih: The annointed; Messiah, Al-Masihul Mau ood: The Promised Messiah) (Mahdee: the rightly guided one) (Insan: man or mankind) Bashar: Man or mankind) (Nas: people) Rajul: Man, plural Rijal) (Ab: father, Walid: Father) Um: Mother, Walidah: Mother) (Bint: daughter) (Ibn: son) (Akh: Brother) Ukht: Sister) 'Amm: Uncle) 'Ammah: Aunt paternal (Khali: Maternal Uncle (Khalah: Maternal aunt) Zauj: Husband, One of a pair) (Zaujah: Wife, Spouse) Ziwaj: Marriage) (Khatamuz ziwaj: Wedding ring) (Ma: Water) ('ain: Fountain, eye) (Hawa: Air) (Subh: Morning) (Masa: Evening) (Zuhr: Noon) (B'adaz zuhr: Afternoon) (Qablaz zuhr: Before noon) (Shafaq: Evening twilight) (Amsi: Yesterday) Ghadan: Tomorrow) (Ghadaa: Breakfast, Morning meal, Luncheon) ('Ashaa: Supper, Evening meal, Dinner) (Ahlan wa sahlan: Welcome) (Kaifa Haloka: How are you?) Halee Tayyibun: I am well) (ana mareezun: I am sick) Ahsanta: Well-done, or Habbaza: Well-done) Wozoo: Ablution) Wazoo: Water for ablution) (Tayammum: Substitute for Wozoo, Cleansing with pure dust) (Qiyam: Standing conditon) (Rukoo: Bowing) (Sajdah: Prostration) (Q'adah: A sitting) (12 months of Muslim Calendar: Muharram, Safar, Rabi Al-Awwal, Rabi Al-Thani, Jomada Al-Awwal, Jomada Al-Thania, Rajab, Shaban, Ramadhan, Shawwal, Zul-Qi-dah, Zul-Hijjah.) Cardinal Numerals: Wahid: one, Isnani: two, salasah: three, Arba'ah: four, Khamisah: five, Sittah: six, Sab'ah: seven, Samaniyah: eight, Tis'ah: Nine, 'ashrah: Ten.) Numerals Ordinal: awwal: first, Sani: second, Salis: Third, Rabi: fourth. Khamis: fifth, Sadis: sixth, Sabi: seventh, Samin: eight, Tasi: Ninth, 'ashir: Tenth.) (Sadaqallahul 'Azeem: Allah, the Great spoke the truth. Said at the end of recitation) (Ka'abah: House of Allah, at Mecca) (Qiblah: Direction to Mecca, to which we face for prayers. (Shams: Sun) Qamar: Moon; Hilaal: moon of first night.) (Nojoom: Stars) (samaa: Sky)

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WILL OF GOD to love Him alone, to fear Him alone and to center all one's hopes in Him alone. There are three requirements for a complete adherence to the doctrine of Unity. Firstly a man must believe in Unity in the person of God, i.e. he must regard everything as vain and naught before God. Secondly he must believe in the Unity in the attributes of God and consider Divinity and Lordship as the attributes of none besides God, looking upon all those who seem to have an authority as having it from Him. Thirdly, there must be unity in the love, sincerity and devotion which he bears to God; in other words, nothing else must have a share of his love, and devotion towards God & of the other aspects of his adoration, and he must be completely lost in Him. These three aspects of the Divine Unity had not been taught by any book before the Quran.

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ISLAM, THE BEST RELIGION

(BY MAQBOOL AHMAD QURESHI)

Apart from five pillars of Islam there are six articles of faith in Islam which every muslim is required to believe in. They are as follows:

1. BELIEF IN ALLAH: A muslim believes that He is one. He has no son and no father. He is Eternal and Infinite. He has no partners nor associates. He is the possessor of all the good attributes and devoid of all the defects, shortcomings and faults. Human eyes cannot reach Him, but it is He Who makes Himself known to them through His manifestations. He is the only source of all the universe and the only Creator. He is not God of any particular nation, rather He is God and Lord of all the worlds.

2. BELIEF IN ANGELS: They have been created by God to serve Him and operate the forces of nature. They are the mediators between Him and the human beings. They never disobey God. They do whatever is commanded to do. They have not been granted free-will like human beings. They are only instruments to manifest the will of Allah. As God has created different means and media to establish His law, e.g. one cannot see with one's eyes unless there is a light. Now the creation of light does not prove that He has become dependent upon the light to make the people

see. Similarly if His wisdom demanded to create Angels to be His agents and mediators He does not become dependent upon them.

In Islam some angels have been mentioned by name, like Gabriel, who brings messages and revelations to the chosen ones; or Michael, who controls the world and rains; or Israfil, who will blow the trumpet on the day of Resurrection; or Izrail, who causes death of the people. Again every person has two angels who record good and bad actions.

3. BELIEF IN THE REVEALED BOOKS: A muslim believes in all the sacred books and scriptures revealed to the previous prophets of God as guidance for their specific periods and specific nations. Those dispensations were not universal purport and as a result they were not protected by God. But the Holy Quran was revealed to the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, as a universal & comprehensive law and meant for all the times. God, therefore, took upon Himself to keep it intact forever and ever. Thus the previous scriptures were originally from God, but later on human hands worked in them and they lost their original purity.

4. BELIEF IN ALL THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS OF ALLAH: A muslim believes in all the chosen ones of God who were blessed by Him as His prophets and His messengers, whether he knows their names or not. God has been sending prophets to each and every nation for their guidance. At last He sent the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, as a seal of the Prophets. The Muslims, therefore, believe in all the previous prophets because he verified and confirmed their truth. Otherwise the scriptures mention them in such a way as a seeker after truth cannot believe in their messenger-ship and guidance. Similarly in future also only those persons will be raised to the rank of prophethood who will follow his teachings and will have his seal and confirmation. That is why the expected Isa, the Messiah, has been named in traditions of 'Sahih Muslim' as a prophet of God four times.

5. BELIEF IN THE LAST DAY OF JUDGMENT: A muslim believes that there is a life after death. The human spirit, which is everlasting does not remain without its body. After death it receives another subtle body and a state of suspension (Barzakh) starts. It begins to re-

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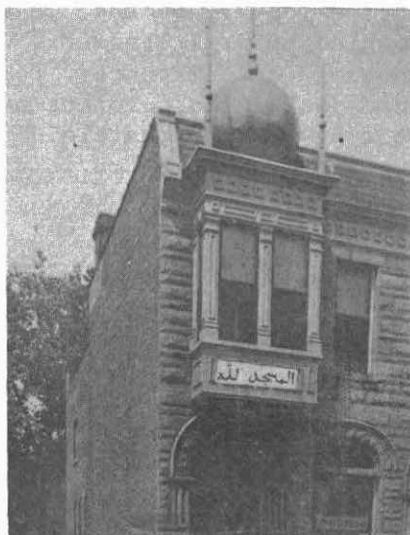
their dead bodies the Holy Prophet said, God has made true the promise He had made to us. Have you also found to be true that which was promised to you? (Bukhari). The Quran describes the Day of Badr as the day of "Discrimination" (8:42), because on that day a great prophecy, accompanied by great results, was fulfilled in extremely unfavourable circumstances. The defeat of the infidels was as unexpected and complete as was the victory of the Muslims. Truly has the battle of Badr been reckoned among greatest battles in history. It virtually decided the fate of the Meccans and of the whole of Arabia. The power of the Qurais was broken for ever and the new faith rose high and powerful in the land; and all this came about exactly as it had been prophesied.

The clause, whom they saw to be twice as many as themselves, points out that the Meccan army appeared to the Muslims to be less than their actual strength, that is only twice instead of thrice the number of Muslims, as that was actually the case. This was quite in harmony with divine will which designed that the encounter should take place and the few weak and ill-equipped Muslims, seeing the full strength of the enemy should not become discouraged. (8:45). What happened was that one-third of the Meccan army was behind a rising piece of land and the Muslims could see only two-thirds of them, i.e. 600 or twice as many as their own number. The Muslims were thus naturally heartened by seeing the Meccan army only twice their own number because they knew that in fulfilment of His promise. (8: 67 -68) God would surely vouchsafe to them victory over an enemy double their number.

The words, actually with their eyes, have been added to point out that it was not in a vision or a dream that the Muslims saw the disbelievers to be less than their actual number but in a state of actual wakefulness, which naturally proved more heartening than would have been the case if they had seen them so only in a dream or vision, which very often has an interpretation other than what actually appears.



Khalifat-ul-Massth's visit to Europe, 1955
Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam (centre) is coming out of The Hazrat Mosque after offering prayers for its completion when it was under construction. On his left is Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Secretary for Ahmadiyya Foreign Missions.

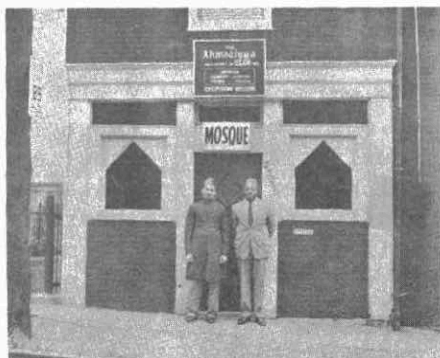


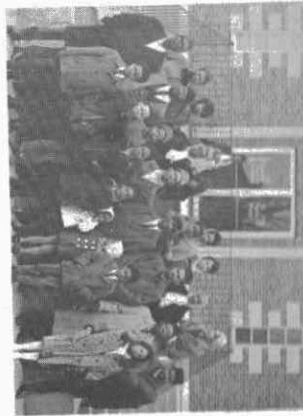
'Faiz Mosque' Washington
Ahmadiyya Mosque and Mission House, in Washington D.C., U. S. A.

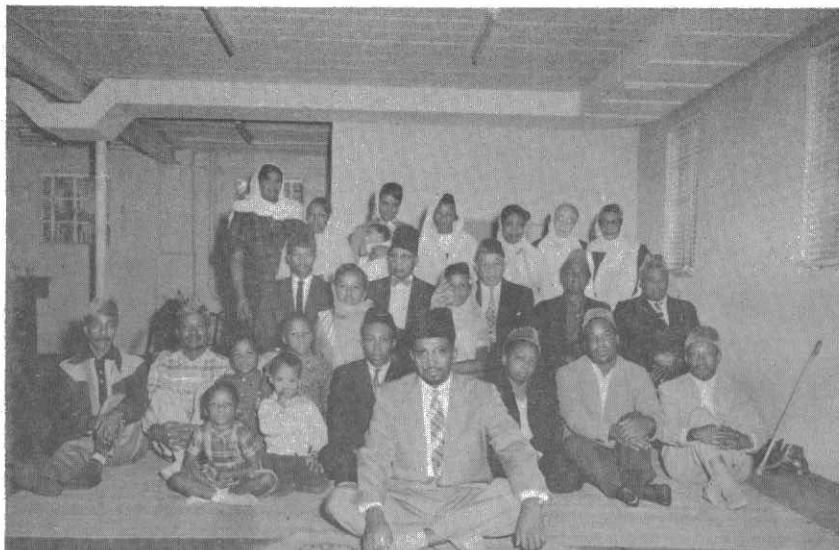
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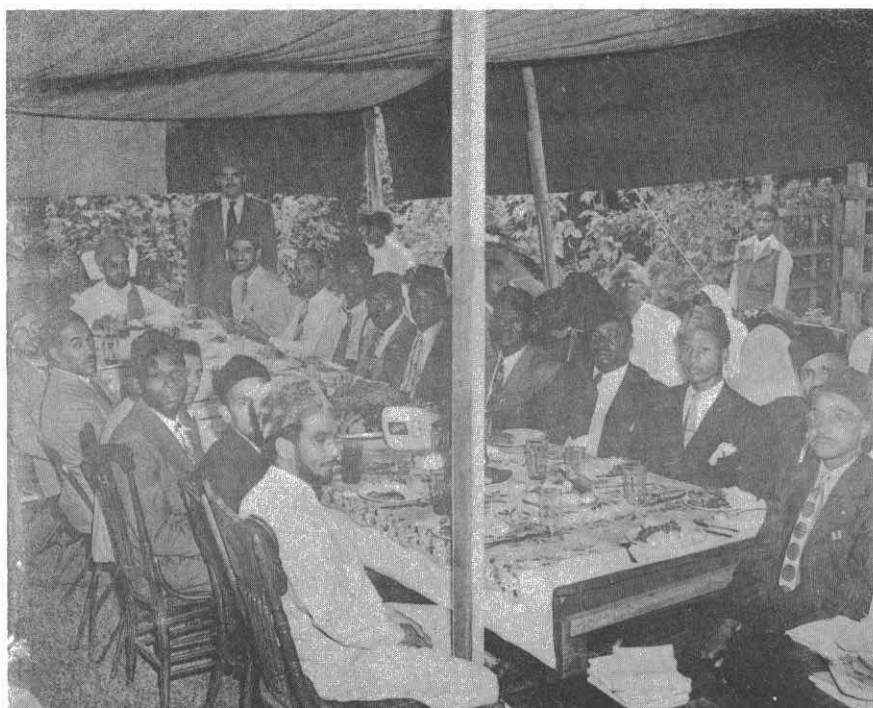
Ahmadiyya Mosque in Pittsburg.
From left: Syed Javed Ali, Ahmadiyya Missionary in U.S.A. with brother Ahmad Shahid, President of Ahmadiyya Jama'at Pittsburg, U.S.A.











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alize whether it will deserve Paradise or Hell according to its past actions. At this stage period of earning merit or demerit is over. After this 2nd life the 3rd life will start and that will be the Day of Resurrection. On that day every soul or spirit will have another manifest body. Man will start feeling perfectly the result of his efforts. He who created human beings in this very life from an insignificant thing will bring them into existence on that day as well, as nothing is impossible with Him.

6. Belief in Tagdeer (Predetermination): God says in Quran (25:3) "He has created everything and has ordained for it its proper measure". He has established a Law of Nature. He who will violate that law will suffer, e.g. fire burns. A man, believer or disbeliever, if puts his hands into fire will suffer. A person who does not know swimming, if jumps into deep water, will be drowned.

Man is free and has option to do whatever he likes. If he does, out of his free choice, good he will be rewarded. But if he misuses this option he will suffer bad consequences. In short if a man understands and knows the laws of Nature and then, out of his free will, he uses them properly he will have good fruit of his actions. On the other hand if he does not know the law or misuses it, e.g. he drinks poison, he will suffer. The determined law is for the benefit of mankind. That is why the man has become able to subjugate so many laws of nature and evolved to the extent that he has reached the moon. If the laws were not determined, as sometime the fire burnt the things and sometimes extinguished them, the man would not have been able to evolve and progress in the field of science and utilization of the laws of Nature.

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THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

The Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, was born in 1835 at Qadian, a village in India. In the eighties of the 19th century, he was called to the office of world Reformer to combat the current of anti-religious philosophies and to explode the Christian theory of redemption based on the fiction of Christ's death on the Cross and to tell the Christians and Muslims to call off their hope for a second visit from Christ as he had been gathered to his forefathers and barred like all mortals from coming back to the world; and that he, the Promised Messiah, had come instead.

The Promised Messiah initiated the Ahmadiyya Movement to revive faith in God, challenging rival churches to a spiritual contest to seek Divine sanction for the religion He favoured, through prayer and appeal to Him for guidance and arbitration in the matter, by means of His signs, to re-establish the glory of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, to expound and disseminate spiritual beauties and moral excellences of the teachings of the Holy Quran, to wean men from war-like tendencies and to educate world opinion in favour of renunciation of war as a means of settling disputes, to infuse hope, faith and courage in the drooping hearts of Muslims and all the depressed races and nations of the world, to warn the exploiters, slave-drivers, and pedlars in sin against the evil consequences of their evil ways, to collect under one banner all the true followers of Islam and lovers of peace and to inculcate among them the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and self-less fellow-service and a feeling of true brotherhood.

The Promised Messiah passed away in 1908 and was succeeded by his foremost votary and closest companion, Hazrat Haji Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin, Khalifatul Masih I. After his death in 1914, the Promised Son of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Haji Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, was chosen as Khalifatul Masih II. During his 52-year long leadership, the Khalifatul Masih II organized a world-girdling chain of mosques and missions. On his death on November 8, 1965, the electoral college named, with one accord, Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the late Khalifatul Masih's son and the Promised Messiah's grandson, Khalifatul Masih III.

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